

REMARKS

Claims 31-68 are pending. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment. For instance, the following Table provides the location of illustrative support for the new claims as being either in the originally filed claims or specification.

| New Claim | Illustrative Location of Support |
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| 31 | Original claim 1 |
| 32 | Original claims 1 and 4 |
| 33 | Original claim 2 |
| 34 | Original claim 5 |
| 35 | Original claim 6 |
| 36 | Original claim 7 |
| 37 | Original claim 8 |
| 38 | Original claim 9 |
| 39 | Original claim 10 |
| 40 | Original claim 11 |
| 41 | Original claim 12 |
| 42 | Original claim 13 |
| 43 | Original claim 14 |
| 44 | Original claim 15 |
| 45 | Original claims 16, 18 and 23 |
| 46 | Original claim 16 |
| 47 | Original claim 17 |
| 48 | Original claim 18 |
| 49 | Original claim 19 |
| 50 | Original claim 20 |
| 51 | Original claim 22 |

| New Claim | Illustrative Location of Support |
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| 52 | Original claim 23 |
| 53 | Page 45, line 24 to page 46, line 1 |
| 54 | Page 46, lines 2-3 |
| 55 | Page 46, lines 4-6 |
| 56 | Page 46, lines 19-25 |
| 57 | Page 46, line 26 to page 47, line 3 |
| 58 | Original claim 24 |
| 59 | Original claim 25 |
| 60 | Original claim 26 and page 396, lines 23-27 |
| 61 | Original claim 26 and page 396, lines 23-27 |
| 62 | Original claim 27 and page 396, lines 23-27 |
| 63 | Original claim 27 and page 396, lines 23-27 |
| 64 | Page 179, lines 15-16, page 399, lines 18-23 and page 405, lines 6-12 |
| 65 | Original claim 29 |
| 66 | Original claim 30 |
| 67 | Page 46, lines 2-3 |
| 68 | Page 46, lines 4-6 |

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No 42,874 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

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any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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